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O 242051Z MAY 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: USSR, KS, PINT

SUBJECT: PODGORNY REMOVED FROM POLITBURO

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF MAY 24 INR MEMO ON  
PODGORNY ACTION: QUOTE: IN A SURPRISE MOVE THE CPSU  
CENTRAL COMMITTEE TODAY OUTSTED 74-YEAR-OLD NIKOLAY  
PODGORNY FROM THE POLITBURO, THUS APPARENTLY CLEARING  
THE WAY FOR BREZHNEV TO BECOME CHIEF OF STATE AS WELL  
AS PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY. WHILE WE CANNOT RULE OUT  
POLICY DIFFERENCES AS CAUSING THE MOVE, SUCH DIF-  
FERENCES APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY MINOR ONES RE-  
STRICTED TO DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. THE NET RESULT OF TODAY'S  
ACTION IS TO FURTHER ENHANCE BREZHNEV'S ROLE EVEN  
WHILE POSSIBLY PREPARING FOR HIS EVENTUAL RETIREMENT  
AS PARTY HEAD. UNQUOTE.

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2. ABOVE IS GENERALLY ALONG LINES OF THINKING OF  
AMBASSADOR TOON NOW IN WASHINGTON ON CONSULTATION.

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## Message Attributes

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